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Public comment sought on report about Cane Run stream impairments

Comment period ends Sept. 4

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 3, 2012) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until Sept. 4 on a draft report addressing impairments in seven stream segments within the Cane Run watershed located in Fayette and Scott counties.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses fecal coliform impairments in seven stream segments in the Cane Run watershed that make them impaired for primary contact recreation (swimming) and, in some cases, secondary recreation (fishing and boating) designated uses. The reports include data and procedures used to calculate the TMDLs for the stream segments.

Revisions to the reports may be made following the public comment period and before they are sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The reports may be viewed on the <u>Division of Water Web site</u> at http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx. Comments should be sent in writing to Eric Liebenauer, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by e-mail to Eric.Liebenauer@ky.gov.

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